

TRAGEDY STRIKES KIN

Woman who crashed train here in court

PINEVILLE, Mo. (AP) — A woman accused of killing her husband and 2-year-old son before driving her truck into a freight train has made her first appearance in a Missouri court after spending two months at a mental hospital in Oklahoma.

Denise Dunham, 36, of rural McDonald County, Mo., appeared in court at Pineville on Tuesday to waive her right to an arraignment. A preliminary hearing was set for

Dec. 20.

"The whole thing took about 60 seconds," Circuit Court Clerk Gene Hall said. "She never spoke a word."

Ms. Dunham, who was returned to Pineville on a governor's warrant Monday, is charged with first-degree murder in the Aug. 30 deaths of her husband, William Andy Dunham, 43, and her son Christopher.

Dunham was shot once in the forehead, and the boy, whose body

was found sitting in a rocking chair, was shot four times, police said.

McDonald County Sheriff Donald Schlessman said the couple reportedly had been having marital problems. Schlessman said Ms. Dunham pointed a Chinese assault rifle at her husband, who challenged her to shoot him.

"And she did," he said. "And then she shot the gun off several times and shot the child in the process."

Ms. Dunham then drove to Oklahoma in a pickup truck with her other children, Amy and Matthew. She rammed the truck into a freight train in Pryor, injuring herself and the children.

Amy and Matthew spent a week in a Tulsa, Okla., hospital. Ms. Dunham spent three weeks in a Tulsa hospital and then was sent to Eastern State Hospital in Vinita for a 60-day mental evaluation.

The above clipping from THE DAILY TIMES, Pryor Creek, OK, 11-25-1995, was shared by Norwood Dunham, Locust Grove, OK. Initially it seemed best not to use it in DD, as it could be possible that some of the closer relatives of the principals in this article might be on the mailing list, & reading about it might upset them all over again. Then another consideration surfaced. This is not the kind of story you can read, say "How awful!" & then set aside. It is necessary to wonder what has happened, since last August, to the surviving children of the family. How are they faring? These thoughts led to a further investigation, through the McDonald County, MO sheriff's department & to the Dept. of Human Services in Mayes Co., OK. We learned that Amy, who is 13, & Matthew, who is 8, are in foster care with an aunt in Pryor, OK. It was only to be expected that their address would be confidential, but Editor Kitson was told that if she sent a letter (containing no money or gifts) to the sister & brother, care of DHS, it would be forwarded. This she did, & later received a call from another of their aunts, Mary Ann Dunham Boswell of Avant, OK. Mary Ann says that the children are doing pretty well, that they are very smart kids, but have a huge adjustment to make. (The situation with their mother is unclear at this time.) Their foster parents don't think that a big fuss (such as numerous letters or gifts) would be advisable just now, but she did say that contributions to a fund established for them would be welcome. We expect to have more details on that shortly, & hope that Amy & Matthew's distant kin, readers of DD & Dunhams all, will be willing to contribute to it when we get more information. These kids have experienced a horrendous & life-altering tragedy with on-going results. They deserve all the help they can get. ----- As it happens, Mary Ann Boswell is also interested in

learning more about her Dunham ancestry. Her grandparents died before she was born, & her father died when she was 10, so there (to page 2)

TRAGEDY STRIKES (from p. 1) wasn't anyone around the ask about the family history. Her great grandparents were David Dunham & Livonia Bonecutter. David may have been the son of an earlier David & Nancy (maiden name unknown). David, Jr. was born in Ohio ca. 1850 & moved to Tipton County, IN ca. 1870, then on to Havana, KS. (Unfortunately we found no Bonecutter in our Dunham Index.) We'll hope to have more on this matter in future.

IOWA FARMER'S BARN LIVES ON AS MUSEUM

Details of the Educational & Interpretive Center for 19th Century Agriculture, Dunlap, IA, are presented in a brochure shared by Janet M. Haake, Philadelphia, PA. The center is housed in the stock farm barn, built in 1870 by Zachary Taylor Dunham (1849-1945)(8)(Deacon John 1, Jonathan 2, Jonathan 3, Cornelius 4, Shubael 5, Cornelius 6, Cornelius 7), seen in the photo.

A landmark guiding travelers for well over a hundred years, the Z. T. Dunham Pioneer Stock Farm barn stands at the edge of a cornfield on a slope up from Iowa's Boyer River.

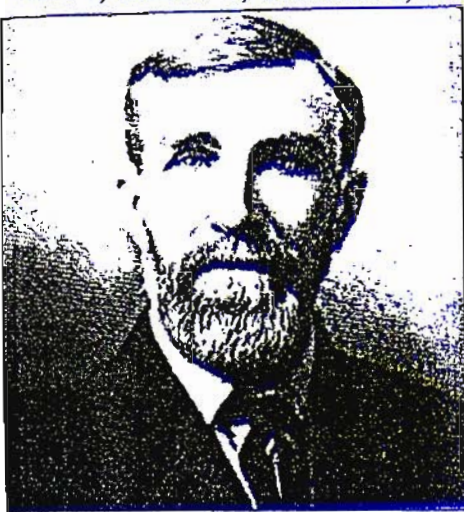
The barn is located on County Road L51 just north of Highway 37. It is near the southwest corner of Crawford County across the Boyer from the town of Dunlap in Harrison County. The Boyer flows into the Missouri River about 30 miles downstream.

A reflection of and testimony to the early days of agriculture in Western Iowa, the barn housed the working horses and mules which replaced the oxen as the primary source of power until after the turn of the century. The horse remained an alternate source of power even after the arrival of the early tractors. Tractor popularity caught on slowly and horses remained in use well into the 20th century.

The barn was built in 1870 by Z. T. Dunham, son of the first white settler in Crawford County, Cornelius Dunham. Z. T. was in partnership with his brother Sam to grow crops and breed cattle and hogs at the time the barn was built.

The barn for the horses and mules features walls four bricks thick at the lower level and three bricks thick above the ground floor. Nails were rare items for the early farmers. Hand-hewn beams are held together with wooden pegs in a mortise and tenon construction. One rare walnut beam at the lower level is 40 feet long.

A step into the barn is a step into the past. The upper level offers a drive-in



Z. T. Dunham

entrance through which the farmer could bring his wagon with hay to pitch into the hay mow or grain to dump into the grain bin. The feed could then be dropped through the trap doors in the floor to the lower level in front of each of ten horse stalls. The horses or mules would enter the lower level of the barn from an outdoor paddock into the stalls or into the loafing area in the center.

A tack room on the upper level still holds some of the harnesses of those turn-of-the-century horses. Also on display in the barn is a sod-breaking plow which was used by the earliest farmers to dig into the unbroken sod for that first crop.

A special feature of the barn is a cable which is strung above the rear part of the stalls over which a bowl-shaped manure cart would be pulled by pulley. The farmer could pull the cart along the cable and clean the stalls and then run the cart outside to where it would be flipped over and emptied into a waiting wagon to be spread on the fields for an early day fertilizer program.

Carrie Widney, Z. T.'s daughter, recalls playing the tomboy in the barn with her brothers before her only sister was old enough to join them. She didn't like to be called a Sissy so she walked the beams of the big brick barn with the boys. They were 20 or 30 feet from the floor and she swung from one platform to another on the hay rope, "but I was careful not to look down" and was always glad when my feet settled firmly on the other side," she said. She also remembers poking bats out from between the brick walls and the rafters to see them try to fly in the daytime.

Z. T.'s great grandson, Ken Dunham, remembers some unique uses for the manure cart after it was no longer used for its designated purpose. When it was cleaned out it was a great ride for a couple of boys who would climb into the cart and get pulled to the pole holding the pulley and then be released for a ride around and through the barn and out toward the field.

In 1981, Virginia Dunham, Ken's mother, initiated the procedure to get the barn on the National Register of Historic Places. Once the barn was on the Register the Dunham family gave it to the Dunlap Historical Society Inc. in 1993 to renovate as an Educational and Interpretive Center for Late 19th Century Agriculture.

The society received a grant for brochures and literature in 1995 from the Iowa Sesquicentennial Commission and a HRDP grant the same year for renovation. Although construction work is not complete, the barn is open for tours as of May 25 of 1996. Call 712-643-5728.



LEFT- From Frank Castro, S. Windsor, CT, we have this childhood portrait of his grandfather, Howard S. Abbey (b. 1904)(11)(Nathaniel 3?, Isaac 4, Capt. Sim-eon 5, Isaac 6, Cyrus 7, Helen Dunham Hamilton 8, Andrew Hamilton 9, Elizabeth Hamilton Abbey 10).

YUCKY STORIES

Childhood stories of Rosa Dunham (later Sims)(1881-1952)(10)(Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5, Jonathan 6, Ralph 7, Francis 8, Samuel E. 9) run contrary to the meticulously hygienic person she was to become as an adult. One recollection has her, at about age 5, hiding under the floor-length tablecloth on the dining room table & consuming an entire pound of contraband butter. At about the same age, when allowed to go to the corner drug store with Big Sister, she would purchase a stick of gum & then request the druggist to "start" it for her -- in which he obliged. Rosa would have had a pluperfect fit if any child of hers had done either of these things, but her Sister Miriam recalled the incidents well. That "kids will be kids" was ever so!

HARRY B. EQUALS BENJAMIN H.

Remember back in the January '96 DD (page 3) when we had trouble identifying a Harry B. Dunham whose photo-obit was shared by Ann Eldred? Now Bill Wood has come to our rescue, placing him as Benjamin Harry Dunham (1890-1917)(9)(Nathaniel 3?, Isaac 4, Calvin 5, Ezekiel 6, Ezekiel 7, Benjamin Jerome 8). The problem appears to have developed when the immediate family called the 2 Benjamins by their middle names -- an understandable practice, but a deplorable one insofar as identifying them goes. We just don't have our index alphabetized by middle names!

PLEASE BEAR WITH US WHILE WE ATTEMPT TO ADJUST TO OUR NEW COMPUTER. IT IS A MARVEL, BUT IT TAKES SOME GETTING USED TO! DD WILL PROBABLY HAVE MORE ERRORS THAN USUAL FOR A TIME.

OBITUARY & QUERY

This obituary, from the Palisade, Hitchcock County, Nebraska newspaper, date of 1-16-1916, comes from Richard C. Johnson, 5955 Irish Pat Murphy Drive, Parker, CO 80134. He is also searching for The parents of John Dunham (1762-1840?), a Revolutionary War soldier of Elizabethtown & later Westfield, Essex Co. (now Union Co.), NJ.

He would like to correspond with any readers who are descended from the New Jersey Dunhams & might have similar ancestral problems.

DUNHAMS IN OSWEGO CO., NEW YORK 1850

Given Name	Location	Page in Census
Cicero	Phoenix	284
Daniel	Granby	48
David W.	Fulton	315
Decatur	Scriba	373
Elizabeth	Schroeder	261
Ezekiel	Constant	324
Hazael	"	338
Hial	Amboy	348
James	"	340
Jedidiah	Volney	355
John	Oswego C.	221
John E.	Volney	338
John R.	Granby	48
Joseph	Phoenix	284
Margaret H.	Scriba	357
Octavia	Volney	339
Wesley	Granby	22
Wilbert	"	22
William	Mexico	110

Obituary.

DeWitt Dunham was born in Warren county, Ohio, February 5, 1832, but grew to manhood in Morrow county, Ohio, to which locality his father had removed in his early childhood. In 1855 he removed to Jasper county, Iowa, where the next 31 years of his life were passed.

March 29, 1860, he was united in marriage with Miss Lydia E. Bennett, a friend of his earlier days, whose family had also become residents of Jasper county. To this union was born seven children, four sons and three daughters; two sons died in infancy. The five children who survive are Mrs. J. H. Tight of Gilman, Iowa; Birl S. and Alvie R. Dunham, Mrs. Cora B. Wynant and Mrs. Myrtle L. Smith, all of Palisade, Neb. All of these but Mrs. Tight were permitted to be at his bedside in his final hours of suffering.

In 1886 Mr. Dunham came with his family to Hayes county, Nebraska, and located on what has since been known as the Dunham homestead, nine miles north of Palisade.

The next ten years were given with his characteristic energy to all the activities and rigors and hardships incident to the earlier development of this new community. He was always of a deeply devout and spiritual nature. He became a charter member of the First Congregational church of Hayes county at the time of its organization, and died fully ardent in the Lord and his promises.

His wife died September 30, 1901. The years following this event were spent together with his son Alvie, on the old homestead, until failing strength made it necessary to lay aside the active cares of life. Then, with one another of his children, in turn, in whose homes he always enjoyed a most filial welcome.

About two years ago, as the result of a fall, he became practically bedfast, remaining in this condition to the time of his release, at 1:45 a. m. January 10, 1916.

While his sufferings, through these last years were at times very severe, he bore them all with remarkable patience and heroic fortitude. His solicitude was always for those who cared for him and never for himself.

His mind was clear and his courage undaunted to the last, and over and over again he expressed not only his willingness, but his desire to go.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Rachel Gallier of Grand Ridge, Illinois, five children and eighteen grand-children.

Funeral services were conducted from the Congregational church of Palisade. Rev. J. H. Bieler, of Franklin, officiating.

Interment was made in the family lot in the Palisade cemetery.

Relatives from abroad were were Mr. and Mrs. Munroe Dunham, of Malcom, Neb.; and I. E. Bennett, of Newton, Iowa.

CARD OF THANKS.

We hereby wish to express our most sincere thanks to all

sympathy and assistance was so freely given during the sickness and burial of our dear father.

Alvie R. Dunham,
Birl S. Dunham,
Mrs. J. H. Tight,
Mrs. Cora B. Wynant,
Mrs. Myrtle Smith.

Dr. J. Harvey Dunham Honored as 'Dean' of Local Presbytery

Service Marks His 31st Anniversary as Pastor Of Western Church

The Rev. Dr. J. Harvey Dunham, pastor of Western Presbyterian Church, who is ill at his home, was paid tribute yesterday as "dean" of the Presbytery of Washington City, on the occasion of the 31st anniversary of his installation as pastor here.

Leaders of the denomination in the Capital, in letters read at a "tribute service" at his church, praised him and for his "remarkable" work.

Flowers Sent to Home.

The Rev. Dr. John Carruthers of Pasadena, Calif., who is guest preacher at Dr. Dunham's church this month and was former assistant minister at the Church of the Covenant, now known as Covenant-First Presbyterian Church, opened the services of praise.

George Ralston, clerk of session at Western Presbyterian Church, read a series of letters to Dr. Dunham from Presbyterian clergymen including the Rev. Dr. Freeley Rohrer, clerk of the Presbytery; the Rev. Dr. John O. Palmer, pastor of Washington Heights Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Dr. Alfred E. Barrows, pastor of Eastern Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Dr. Bernard Braskamp, pastor of Gunton Memorial Presbyterian Church, and others who were near Dr. Dunham in point of pulpit service in Washington.

As the church service opened at 11 a.m. a huge basket of flowers was delivered to Dr. Dunham at his home from the officers of the church.

Congratulated on Service.

Dr. Rohrer on behalf of the Presbytery congratulated Dr. Dunham on "the long period of remarkable service which you have given to the Master in that fine church." He outlined Dr. Dunham's career from the time he was licensed in 1898, and ordained in 1899 by the Presbytery of Troy, N. Y., and held pastorates in Chestertown, N. Y.; Fort Edward, N. Y.; Minneapolis, Minn., and finally Washington in 1909. Dr. Dunham had been moderator of the local Presbytery, and also of the Baltimore Synod.

Dr. Dunham was praised for ministering not only to members of his church in the neighborhood, near Nineteenth and H streets N.W., but also for service among many in the city who did not belong to his church. He has been prominent for years in participating in ceremonies of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia, which meets in the Old Union Engine House, not far from the church.



THE REV. DR. J. HARVEY
DUNHAM.

LEFT - From Donna Hawks, Spring, TX, we have this clipping regarding the career of her grandfather, James Harvey Dunham (1872-1943)(10)(Deacon John 1, Benijah 2, Edmond 3, Jonathan 4, Jonathan 5, Jonathan 6, Nahum 7, Samuel 8, Henry N. 9).

A PLEA TO NEW PARENTS:

Don't give your children first names that you Are not going to be willing to "call them by." Save future genealogists scads of time & frustration by this simple expedient.

QUERY

LIZ SLY, 18 Ravine Drive, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07675:
Who were the parents of Jonathan Dunham (1739-1813)? His 2nd wife was Mrs. Mary (Reno, Runne) Dow (1750-1817). Jonathan was an early settler of Tompkins County, NY. Children of Jonathan & his 1st wife (name unknown) were: Rachel, Esther, Sarah, & Tryphena. Jonathan & Mary had: Hannah, Henry, Lucy, Lewis, Nathan & Catherine. Any information will be most appreciated.

NEWS OF THE PROPOSED DUNHAM FAMILY ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE COMING YOUR WAY SOON. LOOK FOR A SPECIAL LETTER CONCERNING IT.